



N.C. Department of Health
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DHHS Mental Health-Related Updates

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New Policy: Mental Health Treatment for Adopted Children on Medicaid

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Adopted Children County of Residence

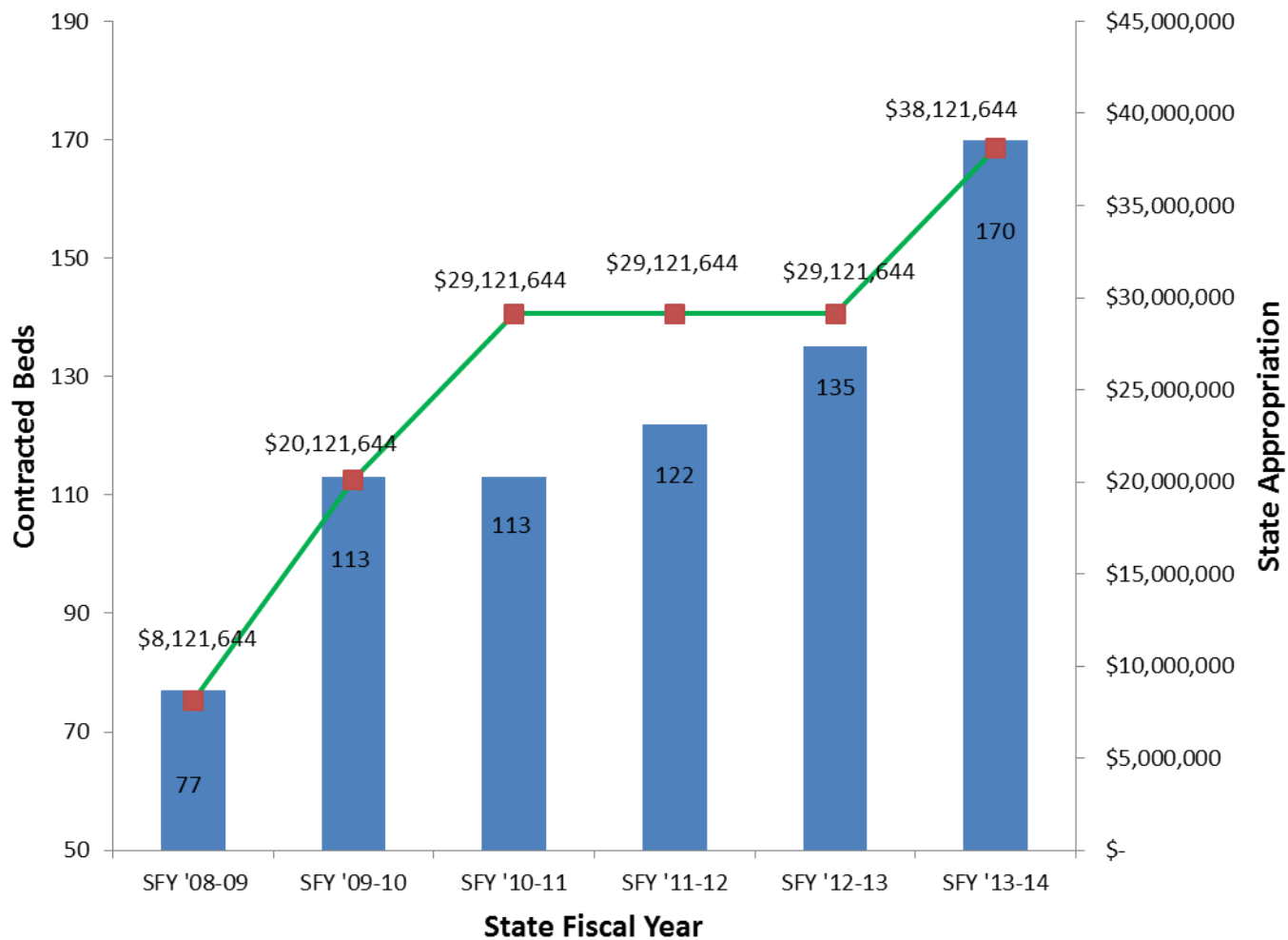
- Effective October 31, 2013
- County of Residence can be changed for adopted children only
- Adopted children can now receive services from the LME-MCO where they reside



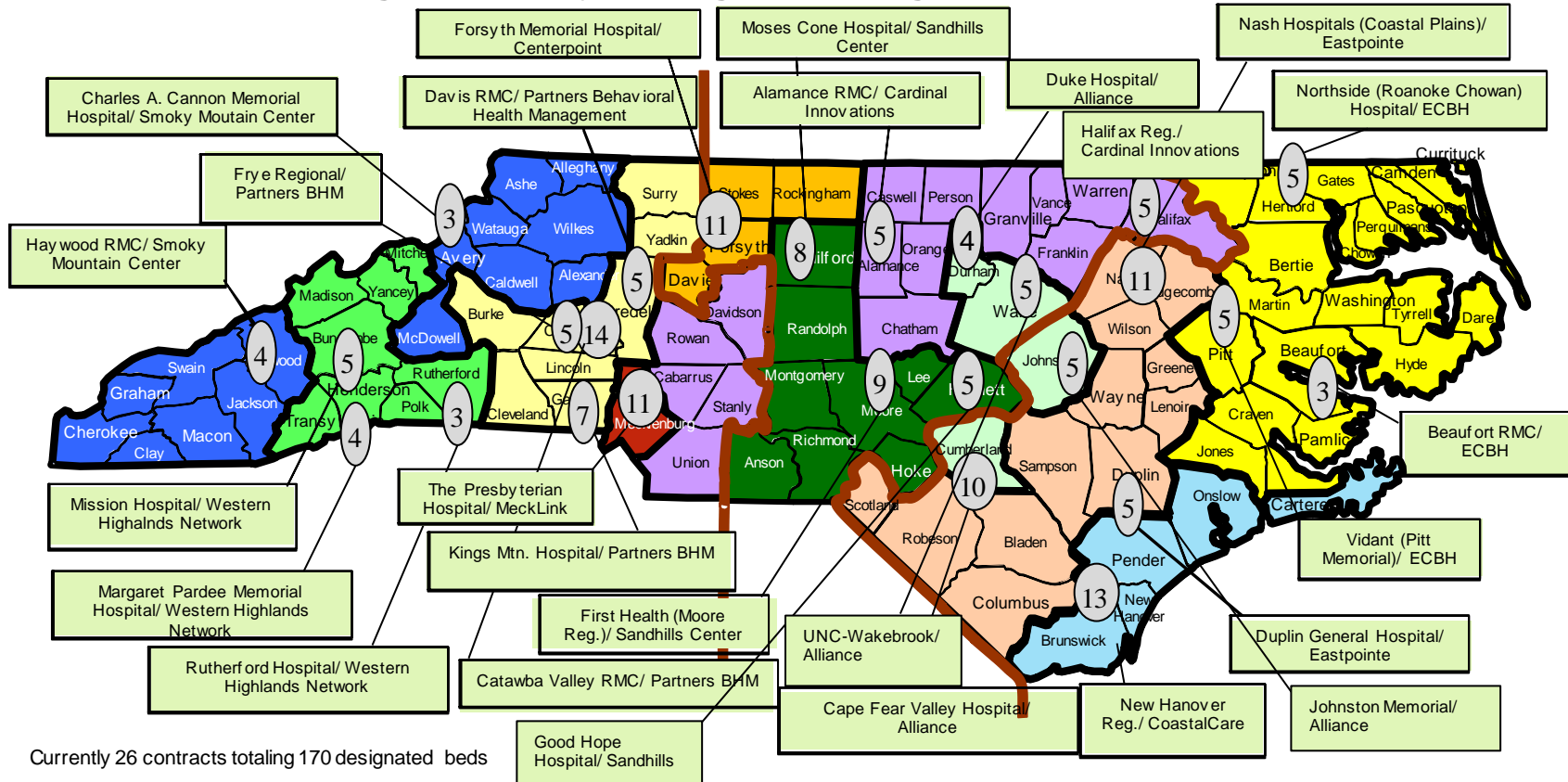
Three-Way Contracts and Implementation of Two-Tiered System of Payment for Purchasing Inpatient Psychiatric Beds

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3 Way Contracted Beds and Funding Since Enacting Legislation



3-Way Contract Community Hospital Beds as of 11/1/13 and Proposed Local Management Entity- Managed Care Organizations (LME-MCOs) on 9/30/13



* Please note that contract totals for Vidant (Pitt), Catawba Valley Medical Center, and Presbyterian Hospitals contain 2 enhanced beds each



Plan for Statewide Telepsychiatry Program

Dr. Robin Cummings,
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Promising Pilot Program

Albemarle Hospital Foundation Telepsychiatry Program

- **Average hospital stays down from 48 to 22.5 hours**
 - **30-day recidivism rates dropped from 20 to 8 percent**



Statewide Telepsychiatry Program

- State budget includes \$4 million over two years
- Expanding program to 60+ hospital EDs
- Bringing in-house psychiatric assessment capacity to rural hospitals